

Mission Property Committee

(A progress report from the Mission Property Committee.)

Key points

- A strategically located 1-hectare site in Marsden Park has been acquired by the Mission Property Committee in August 2015.
- The new Oran Park Ministry Centre was officially opened on 2 May 2015.

Strategic Land acquired in Marsden Park, NSW

1. Following an intensive land search, the Mission Property Committee (“MPC”) acquired a strategically located site at 49-51 Vine Street West, in the growth suburb of Marsden Park in Sydney’s North West in August 2015.
2. The cost of \$3 million was materially funded by all parishes across the Diocese through the Synod approved greenfields land acquisition levy ordinance (the “Ordinance”) that commenced in 2013 to promote the Diocesan Mission by enabling all parishes to support the establishment of church sites in new growth areas.
3. The 1-hectare site has sufficient land area on which to construct a new ministry centre with car parking areas and room for future expansion in the coming decades.



From a paddock to a church:

MPC Marsden Park site

4. The NSW Government has designated Marsden Park as a major centre in the North West Priority Growth Area. NSW Department of Planning and Environment (‘DoP’) forecasts indicate population growth within a 4km radius of the proposed ministry centre to be 50,000+ people by 2035.
5. Residential development has commenced at a number of land release areas in Marsden Park including the Stockland Elara development that will eventually be home to around 2,000 families.



Vine Street West site



Stockland Marsden Park Development

The MPC site is in close proximity to new residential development

6. MPC encourages Synod to support the continuance of the Ordinance so that further sites may be acquired in other growth areas of the Diocese.

Opening of Oran Park Ministry Centre

7. Archbishop Glenn Davies officially opened the Oran Park ministry centre on 2 May 2015. The iconic public building includes a 250-seat auditorium, associated breakout area and foyer space, children's meeting rooms, kitchen and amenities as well as car parking. A feature is the 20m high coloured-glass tower can be seen from various viewpoints across the town.



Oran Park Ministry Centre

8. Oran Park was first identified as a location in which a new church was required by Archbishop Donald Robinson in 1989. The new ministry centre sits at a prominent site overlooking the town, on a street named for his predecessor Marcus Loane.



Stuart Starr standing next to Oran Park's first church
(Phillip Rodgers)



The Archbishop preaches to a full house
(Sharon's Photography)

9. Completion of the ministry centre means that the newly formed parish is now well situated to continue to grow in numbers, under God, in line with the growing community, with NSW Government forecast showing ongoing annual population increases of 2,500 per year over the next seven years.

For and on behalf of the Mission Property Committee.

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Chair

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